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SUBJECT: NIMBUS STAR: SECOND CARRIER

REF: NICOSIA 740

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION RELATIVELY RELAXED ABOUT CARRIER
ROTATION PROPOSAL SO LONG AS THERE ARE NOT TWO CARRIERS
PRESENT AT ONCE.

2. FORMAL CLEARANCE NOT RECEIVED FROM LONDON BUT HIGH
COMMISSION DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS. HIGH
COMMISSION PROPOSES TO INFORM GOCYPRUS FOREIGN MINISTRY IN LOW KEY
OF PLANNED ROTATION, TREATING IT AS NORMAL ASPECT OF U.S.
USE OF BRITISH
BASES WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CLEARED
WITH ARCHBISHOP. INITIAL BRITISH THOUGHT HAD BEEN NOT RPT
NOT TO ANNOUNCE INCHON VISIT IN ADVANCE. AFTER WE WENT
OVER POINTS PARA 5 REFTTEL, THEY AGREED TO STUDY MATTER
FURTHER AND BE IN TOUCH.

3. NOTABLE THAT HIGH COMMISSION TAKES SUCH RELAXED VIEW
DESPITE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN SURPRISED AT WIDESPREAD
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LOCAL ASSUMPTION THAT USG MAY BE LOOKING TOWARD PERMANENT

PRESENCE AT BASES. WHICH COMMISSION ENCOUNTERED
DOUBTS ON THIS POINT EVEN PROMHDOOEIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL.
FOR OURSELVES, WE CONTINUE PREFER THERE BE NO AUGMENTA-
TION OF PRESENT PERSONNEL LEVELS IF THIS CAN BE MANAGED WITH-
OUT SERIOUS DISLOCATION. WE UNDERSTAND NAVY IS WEIGHING
POSSIBILITIES. IN ANY EVENT, WE ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEM
FROM THE BRITS, HOPE THEY CAN PERSUADE GOCYPRUS TO TAKE RE-
LAXED VIEW OF ROTATION.
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